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U.S. ARMY/
DOUBLE AGENT

SAWYER: It is a spy story worthy of John Le Carre. A U.S. spy goes bad, sells out to the Soviet Union, and blows the cover of an American double agent who had apparently infiltrated the KGB itself, but it is not a novel. Richard Craig Smith, a former Army counterintelligence agent, has been charged with selling the name of a fellow spy to Moscow, but it is not known what became of that agent, known only as 'Royal Miter.' We asked Maria Shriver to trace his roots in his hometown of Salt Lake City, and she joins us this morning. Good morning, Maria.

SHRIVER: Good morning, Diane. Craig Smith is Utah's first spy, and his arrest came as a big surprise to this Mormon state. The son of a Mormon bishop and the father of four children, he was a faithful church-goer who neither drank nor smoked and gave 10 percent of his earnings to the church. Nobody thought he was the kind of man who would sell his country's secrets to the Russians. Many people here in Salt Lake City knew Craig Smith was a spy. After he grew up and went to school here he went off and joined the Army intelligence. When he returned he started a video business, promoting Utah to Japanese investors. SCOTT MATHESON (Utah Governor on Smith's promotion tape): It is my pleasure to provide you with a look at a very exciting area, the state of Utah.

SHRIVER: But it was his spy tales that made him well known. CARMEN BORROWUM (Neighbor): We just asked him if the spy novels were fairly true-to-life, and he said, 'More so than most people would care to know.'

SHRIVER: His company went bankrupt and he lost his home. Yet he continued to make trips to Japan and it was there the government says he took \$11,000 from the KGB for blowing the cover of an American double agent operation. Yet Craig Smith continued to have money problems. Three months ago he moved himself and his family into his parent's home in Bellview, Wash. KENT SMITH (Friend): I know the guy so well and I feel so badly for him because he's had some financial duress and backed himself in the corner and couldn't get out.

SHRIVER: This city is abuzz with memories of how Craig Smith was always talking about putting some big money deal together. Dynamic, outgoing, enthusiastic, hard-working, but seemingly always a step away from making his fortune. In Bellview, Wash., his mother said, 'I know he was a good son, and he is still a good son.' Diane?

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